

CHAPTER 33.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A SIX MONTHS SCHOOL TERM
IN EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE STATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

- Appropriation. SECTION 1. That two hundred and fifty thousand dollars be, and the same is, hereby appropriated annually out of the state treasury for the benefit of the public schools, to be apportioned by the State Board of Education to the respective counties of the State per capita as to school population on the first Monday in January of each year, using the school census of the preceding scholastic year as the basis of apportionment: *Provided*, that the State Board of Education shall annually deduct from said appropriation, before the apportionment thereof, the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars to be used in part payment of the salary and expenses of the Superintendent of the State Colored Normal Schools and inspector and director of the county teachers' institutes and of the teacher-training work of the State, and shall also deduct therefrom biennially in advance seven thousand five hundred dollars to be used for the establishment of rural libraries as provided in section four thousand one hundred and seventy-nine of The Revisal of one thousand nine hundred and five of North Carolina.
- Apportionment.
- Proviso: deductions.
- Rural libraries.
- Warrants issued by auditor. SEC. 2. Upon requisition of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the State Auditor shall issue his warrant upon the State Treasurer for the amount due each county, payable to the county treasurer, to be credited to the general public school fund of said county.
- State equalizing school fund. SEC. 3. There shall be set aside annually five cents of the annual *ad valorem* tax levied and collected for State purposes on every one hundred dollars value of real and personal property in this State, and the funds annually arising from said tax shall be held by the State Treasurer as a fund separate and apart from all other funds for State purposes, and shall be known as "The State Equalizing School Fund," and shall be used, as hereinafter directed, to provide a six months school term in every school district in the State, or as nearly a six months term as said funds will provide.
- Use of fund.
- Sworn itemized statements from county boards of education. SEC. 4. On or before the first Monday in December of each and every year the county board of education of each and every county entitled to aid from this fund shall submit to the State Board of Education, on blanks furnished for that purpose by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, a sworn itemized statement by districts, showing the number of teachers employed in each district, the grade or class and the salary of each teacher, and such other information as may be required. Said statement shall further show under oath that provision has been made as required by law for a four months school term in each district of
- Provision for four months term.